

I guess you vote no on the Lindsay amendment, and then as I understand it, what we have in 1063 is a tax on ag energy and a continuation of the one cent of sales tax on farm machinery. If that is your preference, you can vote down the Lindsay amendment. But the motion is to take, if you vote yes, we will suspend the rules. We will take an up or down vote on the Lindsay amendment immediately, 30 of you vote that way. The Lindsay amendment will either be adopted or not be adopted. It is my understanding that what will then follow will be the first time that we have, as a body, utilized the Senator Scott Moore rule change that was adopted last year, that is the motion to invoke cloture. If the cloture motion is...a cloture motion will be filed, you need to understand what that does because the cloture rule, itself, provides for no, as I understand the intent of it, no extraneous activities whatsoever. The motion is filed. Whatever activity is before the body will then be completed. The next step will be voting yes or no on cloture. If 33 of you vote to cease debate, the next motion will be the advancement of 1063 on to E & R. It is a critical motion. We have spent a lot of time on this bill. Some of it has been very productively, massaging different aspects of the bill, meeting off the floor, visiting with one another. We have the bill in...not in perfect condition, I will admit. A bill like this you never get in perfect condition because the opposition will not allow you to. Anytime you come up with a proposed change, even if they have to argue 180 degrees away from where they were the time before, they will continue to oppose that, and that is fine. That is our process, but when that happens, when we don't come together as 49 senators working to solve a problem, that happens. But the time is here, if the bill is not advanced tonight, it doesn't lay over tomorrow, it is not voted on on Thursday. That, the fact that there will not be an accompanying piece of legislation, and it has to be 1063 because the other bill is bracketed, the fact that we do not have an accompanying piece of legislation with it will endanger 40 votes for the constitutional amendment. We may not have 40 votes anyway but that will endanger that. So my argument is, in somewhat of a babbling fashion here I will admit, my argument is that the time has come to move forward. I am asking for 30 of you to vote, to take an immediate vote on the Lindsay amendment. If that is adopted, then the next thing up, as I understand it, will probably be the cloture motion. The dilly-dallying of the day and last night will be over, and it will now be...it is now up to you to decide whether or not the Legislature is going to act favorably on 1063 and the constitutional amendment, or if we are